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have to propose to the committee amendments that this makes this particular bill constitutional. So certainly I would be opposed to the rejection of the committee amendments because the approach that we must now take is to amend the committee amendments with this very simple amendment that I've placed on your desk this morning in order to meet the constitutional question that was raised by the Attorney General. So members of the Legislature, Mr. President, I would urge you to adopt the committee amendments and then I can amend the same. Would you say that's the procedure or vice versa, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Well, we'll have to dispatch his motion which was to reject the committee amendments. We'll have to take the vote on that--then we can come back to your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Then I urge defeat of Senator Whitney's motion to reject the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: All right, chair recognizes Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. President, members, I know there has been a lot of confusion here today. This is a very important bill for those who are going to be affected and I would caution you to be sure that you're listening if you have your attention divided elsewhere because with the amendment that Senator Lewis has not placed on your desk, placed on the committee amendments this bill will be constitutionally acceptable and I would urge you very strongly to vote no on the rejection of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion now of the Whitney motion which is to reject the committee amendments. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I hope this is apropos to something. I just called the attention of Senator Whitney and Senator Lewis. Let's just presume that this body goes through and adjourns sine die on Thursday. Let's presume that. I would suggest then that you two gentlemen get together in order to bring about a resolution to create a study on this problem. The Executive Council will meet on Wednesday at 1:00 and I'm sure we'd be glad, speaking only for myself, we'd be glad to entertain all the resolutions at that time which would create study groups to act if and when we adjourn sine die. I only offer that as a suggestion. I do not know what's going to happen on Thursday but I would think that probably if we're going to wait until the first of the year it might be desirable to introduce a resolution in order to create a study on this specific project in the event that we do adjourn sine die on Thursday.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I think that's probably time to put the cards out and I have never been known to hold things back and I certainly don't intend to start now. I think the committee by unanimous vote said that this is a situation that must be corrected as soon as possible. There are those that are on the committee that believe this bill should apply to all retired employees but I'm telling you that the plight of the retired teachers is a sad one and I think you know it. I have a stack of letters two or three inches thick that talk in terms of the real problems faced by the retired teachers. Some of those monthly retirement benefits are as low as \$25.00. So we need some action now. I certainly realize the problem that we face in view of this morning's action and I know everyone has a bill that they're interested in but I certainly want to proceed with this bill and have it ready for adoption as soon as possible. Now I think that that's the bind that